

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 8, with the following paragraph:

The gear brushes 326 further include a second set of bristles 346, 348 defining bristle bundles 350 which are received in blind bores and arranged in an inner ring 352 around the gear brushes 326. These bristle bundles 350 are shorter in length than the bristle bundles 334 of the outer ring 337. Each of the bristle bundles 350 includes inner and outer bristle groups 354, 356, respectively, that flare outwardly with respect to the brush assembly 316 at an angle of thirty degrees with respect to the vertical axis of the gear brush. The bristles 346 of the outer bristle group 356 are longer than those of the inner bristle group 354. The inner bristle group 354 is also trimmed outwardly at an angle of forty-five degrees with respect to the cleaning surface, such that the length of each successive bristle going from the inner end 358 to the outer end 360 of the inner bristle group 354 is longer than that of the previous bristle. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 10, bristle 348C is longer than 348B, which is longer than 348A and so forth. Thus, when the bristles in each bristle bundle 350 are flexed outwardly, the tips 362 of the bristles 348 in the inner bristle group 354 contact the cleaning surface to provide better scrubbing action. Also, the difference in height of bristle bundles 334 and 350 relative to the cleaning surface allow the longer bristle bundles 334 to clean grout areas or other recessed areas of the floor. Bristle bundles 235 are also compressively inserted into the front corners of the brush support plate 218 for edge cleaning, as shown in FIG. 7.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19, with the following paragraph:

FIGS. 11 and 11A show still another embodiment of the brush block assembly 416. In particular, the brush assembly 416 comprises a rectilinear brush support member 418 having blind bores into which pliable elements in the form of bristles 476, 478, 480, 482, 494, 496, 498, 500 defining bristles bundles 460, 462, 464, 466 are compressively inserted therein. The brush assembly 416 includes an outer front row 419 of bristles 460, an inner front row 421 of bristle bundles 462, an inner rear row 423 of bristle bundles 464, and an outer rear row 425 of bristle bundles 466. The rows are parallel to the longitudinal axis of

the brush support member 418 and also oriented transversely to the cleaning path. The bristle bundles project downwardly from the support member 418 for engagement with the cleaning surface. The bristles in the outer rows 419 and 425 are longer than the bristles in the inner rows 421 and 423 relative to support member 418.